

EDWARD

HOSPITAL & HEALTH SERVICES

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Edward Hospital Response to Tax Exemption Status

We are very disappointed about today's preliminary ruling by the Illinois Department of Revenue, and plan to mount a vigorous defense. Edward Hospital has one of the most generous charity care policies in Illinois, and contributed \$77 million in charity care and community benefit programs last year. We treat patients 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, *regardless of their ability to pay*. We are a mission-driven organization committed to supporting health and strengthening communities by providing outstanding health care services. Tax exemption allows us to invest in our communities through critically needed services, access to care, improved quality, new life-saving technology and upgraded facilities.

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